

## **News Release**

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## Kaua'i launches surge testing program

LĪHU'E – Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami announced that the county is launching a free COVID-19 surge testing program available every Sunday, and urged hospitality industry staff and uninsured residents to participate.

"Free testing is open to everyone regardless of health insurance or symptoms," said Mayor Kawakami. "We want to encourage our hospitality industry staff who work closely with visitors to get tested, to help protect their family and friends and our entire community. Tests are free to everyone, including those who are un-insured. Testing sites will rotate every Sunday between Līhu'e, Kapa'a, and Hanapēpē, beginning this weekend."

The County of Kaua'i, in partnership with the Hawai'i Department of Health, is providing free COVID-19 testing at rotating sites every Sunday through the end of the year. The program is intended to provide regular access for hospitality industry staff who work closely with visitors and are at an increased risk of infection.

Testing is available every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., through the end of 2020:

- November 8: Līhu'e Vidinha Stadium
- November 15: Kapa'a Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex
- November 22: Hanapēpē Stadium
- November 29: Līhu'e Vidinha Stadium
- December 6: Kapa'a Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex



- December 13: Hanapēpē Stadium
- December 20: Līhu'e Vidinha Stadium
- December 27: Kapa'a Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex

Participants are asked to register in advance at <u>doineedacovid19test.com</u>. Limited onsite registration will be available for those who are unable to register online.

Hospitality staff includes individuals of all ages working at hotels, restaurants/bars, tour companies, transportation companies, etc. Testing will also be available to those with poor access to COVID-19 testing, such as those who are under or uninsured.

These tests are not part of the state's pre-travel testing program and cannot be used for quarantine exemptions.

- For more information on pre-travel testing, please visit <a href="https://hawaiicovid19.com/travel/">https://hawaiicovid19.com/travel/</a>
  This new surge testing program is separate from the previously announced post-travel testing program for out of state travelers. For more information on post-travel testing, please visit:
  - Visitors: <u>kauai.gov/visitorposttest</u>
  - Kaua'i residents: kauai.gov/residentposttest

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